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IN THE CLAIMS:

1. (Currently Amended) A method of controlling communication of content information from a sender to a receiver via a data network, the method comprising:

verifying if[[: (1)]] the content information is available from [[a]] at least one source other than the sender; and

contacting a search engine if the content information is available from the at least one source, wherein the search engine determines a location within a data network of the at least one source of the content information and returns an updateable index listing sources of a copy of the content information; and

(2) if the content information is stored in a non-shared disk location between the sender and the receiver; and

(3) if the content information is available from the other source, substituting for the content information a pointer to the location of the at least one other-source based on the updateable index of sources returned by the search engine.

2. (Original) The method of claim 1, being carried out on request of at least the sender or the receiver.

3. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the verifying comprises identifying the content based on a watermark embedded in the content.

4. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the verifying comprises identifying the content based on a fingerprint of the content.

5. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the communication is conditionally being carried out depending on the sender being authorized to communicate the content information.

6. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the communication is conditionally being carried out depending on the receiver being authorized to receive the content information.

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7. (Currently Amended) A computer readable medium storing a computer program comprising: computer readable code for cooperation with an email application, the computer readable code verifying if an attachment to a specific email to be sent by a user via the world wide web is available from a~non-shared at least one source on the world wide web, contacting a search engine if the attachment is available from the at least one source, wherein the search engine determines a location within a data network of the at least one source of the attachment and returns an updateable index listing sources of a copy of the attachment, and substituting for the attachment a pointer to the location of the at least one source based on the updateable index of sources returned by the search engine.

8. (Currently Amended) A computer readable medium storing a computer program comprising: computer readable code for cooperation with an Instant Messaging application, the computer readable code verifying if a file to be sent by a user via a data network is available from a~non-shared at least one source on the data network independent of the user, contacting a search engine if the file is available from the at least one source, wherein the search engine determines a location within a data network of the at least one source of the file and returns an updateable index listing sources of a copy of the file, and substituting for the file a pointer to the location of the at least one source based on the updateable index of sources returned by the search engine.

9. (New) The method of claim 1, further comprising updating the updateable index of the search engine with information about the location of the at least one source of the content information.

10. (New) The computer readable medium of claim 7, wherein the updateable index of the search engine is updated with information about the location of the at least one source of the attachment.

11. (New) The computer readable medium of claim 8, wherein the updateable index of the search engine is updated with information about the location of the at least one source of the file.

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